

Minority Languages Uniting in Diversity

11th – 14th June 2025 | Cosenza - Italy

Programme final version

Wednesday, June 11th

Arrival and Registration

19.00	Arrival and registration of participants
20.00	Greetings and Welcome dinner at Italiana Hotels Cosenza

Venue: Italiana Hotels
Via Panebianco 452
87100 Cosenza IT

Thursday, June 12th

Opening Day

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.00	<p>Official opening and institutional greetings Sara Pagliai, <i>Coordinator of the Italian Erasmus+ National Agency – INDIRE</i></p> <p>Maria Locanto, <i>deputy Mayor of Cosenza</i></p> <p>Pasqualina Straface, <i>Health, Social, Cultural and Educational Affairs Committee of the Regional Council of Calabria</i></p> <p>Nadia Crescente, <i>Regional School Office of Calabria</i></p>
10.00	<p>Getting Started: purpose, goals, and what to expect Daniela Ermini, <i>Erasmus+ INDIRE Italian National Agency, EPALE Unit</i></p>
10.15	<p>Presentation of European NA's colleagues Pietro Michelacci, <i>TCA Officer Italian Erasmus+ NA INDIRE</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break and European Fair

11.00 – 13.30 Expert panel

Moderation by Marilena Spezzano and Daniela Ermini

Minority Languages in Italy and Calabria: historical overview and role in social inclusion.

A focus on the Arbëresh language

Francesco Altimari, *Full Professor of Albanian Language and Literature, University of Calabria*

“Living by Addition”: the art of becoming through embraced identities

Carmine Abate, *Italian writer of Arbëresh ethnicity*

The role of the Church in preserving the Arbëresh language: A contribution to inclusion and territorial cohesion among old and new linguistic minorities

Papas Pietro Lanza, *Protopresbyter of the Eparchy of Lungro (byzantine catholic Diocese)*

Between official status and minority recognition: the Belgian case as a European mirror

Marco Cecchinato, *Senior Expert in Adult Education for Erasmus+ and EPALE Belgian NSS*

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch at Italiana Hotels

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Training session

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14.30 – 15.00	<i>Icebreaking activity by Made In Team</i>
15.00 – 15:20	Minority Languages: history, culture, and their impact on inclusion Marilena Spezzano, <i>Erasmus+ INDIRE NA</i>
15.20 – 16.30	Erasmus+ in practice: tools and opportunities for mobility and partnerships Stefania Andriani and Francesco Del Brocco, <i>Erasmus+ INDIRE NA</i>
16.30 – 17.00	From abandonment to renewal: how Erasmus+ and migration brought new life to the town of Camini , Bukhari Syed Haseeb <i>intercultural Mediator and Savina Moniaci Erasmus+ Ambassador for Adult Education</i>
17.30	Departure from Cosenza to Civita
18.30 – 20.00	Guided cultural visit to Civita, Arbëreshë community
20.00 – 23.00	Traditional Arbëreshë dinner at the Kruja Castle, in Civita Songs and traditional dances (Civita Folk Group)
23.00	Departure from Civita to Cosenza

Friday, June 13th

Insights and Collaboration

9.00 – 9.15	<i>Registration</i>
9.15	Welcome and official opening of the day
9.30 – 10.30	Safeguarding Minority Languages in Europe: an Erasmus+ journey of inclusion and identity , Antonietta Fazio, <i>Erasmus+ Ambassador for Adult Education</i> , and Flavia D'Agostino, <i>Polisportiva Pro Loco Civita</i>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 13.00	Working groups Brainstorming project ideas, connecting with potential partners, and take the first steps in co-creating an Erasmus+ KA1 or KA2 project
13.00	<i>Lunch at Italiana Hotels Cosenza</i>



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14.30 – 16.00	Working groups Groups begin drafting and co-designing concrete proposals for future Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2 projects
17.00	Departure from Cosenza to Guardia Piemontese
18.00 - 19.30	Cultural visit to Guardia Piemontese, Occitan community
20.00	<i>Dinner at Ristorante Flora in the town of Paola</i>
22.30	Departure from Paola to Cosenza

Saturday, June 14th

Closing and Reflections

Moderation by Lorenza Venturi

9.00 – 9.15	<i>Registration</i>
9.15 – 11.00	Closing activity on drafting Erasmus proposals
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 12.30	Presentation of the project ideas developed by the groups
12.30	<i>Closing and final greetings</i>

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